

25X1

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET -- U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

COUNTRY	Bulgaria	REPORT	
SUBJECT	1. Bread and Flour Shortages 2. Cotton Crop Failure	DATE DISTR.	29 December 1954
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	1
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD 25X1
		REFERENCES	

This is UNEVALUATED
Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

1. Procurement of bread is very difficult, particularly in northern and eastern Bulgaria. In Ruse, very large queues were formed in front of five bakeries awaiting the distribution of bread which took place between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m., about 4:00 p.m., and again in the evening. In Shumen (now Kolarovgrad) and Burgas the same observations were made, although the queues were not as large. Repercussions are felt in Sofia where no flour is to be found and where the people from the east come to seek supplies. The bread rations have allegedly been reduced and the population is worried. Incidents are even reported in Dimitrovo (formerly Pernik).
2. Between Ruse and Burgas and in the Sliven - Nova Zagora area, immense fields of cotton have not been harvested. In certain of these fields where the cotton is in flower, cows and sheep were observed at pasture. It is reported that the cotton is of a poor quality and that its cultivation, particularly this year, has been a failure.

25X1

25X1

SECRET -- U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC						
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

(NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".)